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1. YUGOSLAVIA: Opposition to separatist movement urged--
US Ambassador Cannon expresses his serious concern over reports of a movement within Yugoslavia for setting up an independent Croatia. Cannon urges the "extreme importance" of dissuading the members of a "separatist" group from proceeding with present attempts to disintegrate the Yugoslav state. Cannon considers that grave harm would be done to Marshal Tito's ability to maintain his present stand with the USSR if it were to appear to the Yugoslav people that the US was backing a "separatist plan" for Yugoslavia, however indirectly. He therefore recommends that the US be prepared to disavow publicly any support for such a movement.

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